

When the Going Gets Tough

Exodus - The Greatest Journey!

Exodus 5:4-22

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"Then the king of Egypt said to them, 'Moses and Aaron, why do you take the people from their work? Get back to your labor.' And Pharaoh said, 'Look, the people of the land are many now, and you make them rest from their labor!'" (Exodus 5:4-5; NKJ)

A. Before your faith is _____ , _____ who you will _____ !

"Let my son go that he may worship me, '...'" (Exodus 4:23; CSB)

"And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, ..." (Joshua 24:15; NKJ)

"Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? ..." (Romans 6:16-18; NKJ)

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30; NKJ)

B. _____ your faith is tested, don't _____ !

"So the same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people and their officers, saying, 'You shall no longer give the people straw to make brick as before. Let them go and gather straw for themselves. And you shall lay on them the quota of bricks which they made before. ...'" (Exodus 5:6-14; NKJ)

"In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is

tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ" 1 Peter 1:6-7; NKJ)

"Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy." (1 Peter 4:12-13; NKJ)

"... Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen." (1 Peter 5:6-11; NKJ)

C. When your faith is tested, take your _____ to the _____ !

"Then the officers of the children of Israel came and cried out to Pharaoh, saying, 'Why are you dealing thus with your servants? So Moses returned to the Lord and said, 'Lord, why have You brought trouble on this people? Why is it You have sent me? For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in Your name, he has done evil to this people; neither have You delivered Your people at all.'" (Exodus 5:15-23; NKJ)

"nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come." (1 Corinthians 10:10-11; NKJ)

"... the Lord hears your complaints which you make against Him. And what are we? Your complaints are not against us but against the Lord." (Exodus 16:8; NKJ)

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." (Philippian 4:6; NKJ)